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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) European Patent No. 0 373 333;
- (2) German Patent No. 41 04 812;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,255,762;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,558,186; and
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 3,767,018.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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